

(OC) for the conduct of the Games, Sports Authority of India for upgradation/renovation of SAI Stadia and Delhi Development Authority for Games Village and venue infrastructure and recommended as follows:—

- A revenue neutral budget of Rs. 767 crores for conduct of the Games by OC with a flexibility upto 15% within which revised estimates, if any, could be approved by Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.
 - A budget of Rs. 1000 crores for SAI venue infrastructure with scope of variation of upto 10%.
 - A budget of Rs. 325 crores for Games Village by DDA with scope of variation upto 20% in the tendered cost.
2. The proposal of the Government of NCT of Delhi for Rs. 770 crores for works related to upgradation of civic infrastructure and the sports infrastructure assigned to Government of NCT of Delhi and NDMC have been approved in principle by the Planning Commission.

Waning of sportsman spirit

†240. SHRI MAHENDRA SAHNI: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sportsman spirit is on the wane in various sports including cricket in the country; and

(b) the steps being taken by Government to improve it?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) No, Sir, not to the best of our knowledge.

(b) Does not arise.

Project proposals from the Andhra Pradesh Government

241. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of project proposals received by the Ministry during the

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last three years from Andhra Pradesh Government for creation and strengthening of sports infrastructure, year-wise;

(b) the number of proposals cleared out of these and the funds allocated and released for each project;

(c) whether any proposal of the State Government of Andhra Pradesh is still pending with the Ministry;

(d) if so, since when and reasons for their pendency and details thereof; and

(e) by when these pending proposals are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) The number of project proposals received from Government of Andhra Pradesh during the last three years i.e. 2003-04 to 2005-06 under the Scheme of Grants for Creation of Sports Infrastructure are as under:

Year	No. of proposals received
2003-04	8
2004-05	4
2005-06	NIL
TOTAL	12

(b) Out of 12 proposals received, the following proposals were found viable and approved:

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| (i) Indoor Stadium at GMC Balyogi Stadium Amalpuram, Distt. East Godavari (A.P.) | Rs. 45.00 lakhs approved on 30.9.03 and entire amount of Rs. 45.00 lakhs has been released on 21.3.2006 |
| (ii) Swimming Pool, Cat. II at Nalgonda Distt. | Rs. 25.00 lakhs approved in principle 18.11.2004. Release of grant depends upon the submission of Progress Report, Audited Accounts etc. by Govt. of A.P. |

(c) to (e) Till 31.3.2005, the Ministry was providing assistance to State Governments etc. for creation of sports facilities based on specific proposals received from time to time as per the guidelines of the scheme of Grants for Creation of Sports Infrastructures. However, w.e.f. 1.4.2005 the scheme was transferred to the State sector. No fresh projects are, therefore, being funded by the Govt. of India, but funds to the extent of committed liabilities for the ongoing approved projects would be given only during the remaining period of X Five Year Plan.

Rural Sports Programme in Andhra Pradesh

242. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of schemes being run under the "Rural Sports Programme";
- (b) the names of agencies through which the said programme is being undertaken;
- (c) the criteria for allocation of funds for the implementation of the said scheme, and
- (d) the details of funds allocated by Government for organizing rural sports programme in Andhra Pradesh during the last two years alongwith the names of agency through which the funds have been allocated?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports is implementing a scheme of 'Incentives for Promotion of Sports Activities' under which the Rural Sports programme is one of the components. This programme is being implemented through Sports Authority of India in coordination with State Governments. Under the scheme, grant-in-aid are provided to State Governments/UT Administrations for organizing District-level, State-level and National-level tournaments. Financial Assistance of Rs. 30,000/- per discipline is also made available by the Ministry to Non-Government Organizations, including the Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan, for organizing District-level competitions. The States/UT-level tournaments